

REMARKS

Applicants' instant communication responds to the Office communication dated June 18, 2003 which stated that Applicants' response to the Restriction Requirement filed April 24, 2003 did not comply with the voluntary revised amendment practice guidelines published in the Official Gazette on February 25, 2003 because "there is not a clean copy of the amended claims present". Applicants note however, that the voluntary revised amendment practice guidelines published in the Official Gazette on February 25, 2003 do not require that a clean copy of the amended claims be present. Nonetheless Applicants respond to the Office communication dated June 18, 2003 in order to further the prosecution of the application. The instant response follows the amendment practice guideline format that becomes mandatory on July 30, 2003.

The Office Action dated March 23, 2003 required restriction of the claims into 3 claim Groups. In response, Applicants elect Group III, namely claims 9-12 with traverse. New claims 13-16 are dependent upon claim 9 within this Group.

Applicants' attorney has made amendments to claims 9 and 11 and added new claims 13-16 as indicated above. The amendments were made solely for the purpose of clarifying the language of the claims. The amendments to claims 9 and 11 and addition of new claims 13-16 are fully supported by the specification and add no new matter.

It is submitted that this application is now in good order for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner believe minor matters still remain that can be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is urged to call Applicants' undersigned attorney.

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